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SIR:

It is hereby requested that a five month extension for responding to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated December 12, 2006 be granted to July 12, 2007.

The required fee of \$2,160.00 is enclosed herewith by credit card. If any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the required Government fee, please charge or credit the difference to Deposit Account No. 15-0030.

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